

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 890  
By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Laura May of Hurricane Mills upon being recognized as a Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, our admiration of such generosity and compassion amplifies when the community leader is still in her formidable high school years; and

WHEREAS, one such young person, Laura May, was recently named as a Distinguished Finalist from the State of Tennessee for the 2004 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; and

WHEREAS, in its ninth year, this nationwide program, which honors young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism, partnered with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) to determine the State's top youth volunteers; and

WHEREAS, one of their choices for this year's honor is seventeen-year-old Laura May, a Senior at Waverly Central High School in Waverly, Tennessee, and an esteemed resident of Hurricane Mills, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Miss May is being honored for her astute ability to identify a need in her community and her unwavering dedication to address and correct that need; and

WHEREAS, Laura May noticed a technology gap between different generations in her community; she acted promptly to secure grant funding for new computer equipment, and then organized teen volunteers to teach computer literacy workshops to senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, thanks to her remarkable efforts, more than twenty senior citizens have learned basic computer and Internet skills; including research, word processing, and e-mail techniques; and



WHEREAS, these valuable skills enable a new group of people to enjoy ease of communication with family and friends, to connect with their communities, and to continue their pursuit of lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, the Prudential Spirit of Community Award recognition denotes an extraordinary honor; with more than 20,000 nominees, the selection process was very competitive; and

WHEREAS, Miss May will receive a much deserved engraved bronze medallion at a local ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Laura May's initiative, determination, and generosity surely bode well for her future success; the remarkable results of her efforts have strengthened her community and merit our appreciation; and

WHEREAS, Laura May is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Laura May upon being chosen as a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, thank her for her dedicated public service to the good people of our State, and extend to her our best wishes for success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.